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SUBJECT:SECOND VIKING LAUNCH - REVISED DATE SEPTEMBER 9

1. NASA MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MEET SEPT 9 LAUNCH DATE WHICH WOULD ENABLE SPACECRAFT TO ARRIVE MARS THREE DAYS EARLIER THAN SEPT 10 LAUNCHING. THIS IS, HOWEVER, EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE.

2. FOLLOWING IS NOMINAL LAUNCH TRAJECTORY FOR SEPT 9 (GMT DAY 252). LAUNCH WINDOW 1839-2000GMT.

TIME (GMT)	ALTITUDE (KM)	LONGITUDE (DEGREES)	LATITUDE (DEGREES)
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1839	0	279.4	PLUS 28.4
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1849	166.3	302.4	23.5
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1851	166.2	310.2	20.8
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1853	166.0	317.8	17.6
1855	165.6	325.0	14.2
1857	165.1	332.0	10.5
1859	164.5	338.8	6.7
1901	163.8	345.5	2.7
1903	163.0	352.2	MINUS 1.3
1905	162.1	358.9	- 5.3
1907	161.1	5.7	- 9.2
1912	284.4	28.6	-20.2 (SECOND BURN)
1922	2671.0	76.3	-29.2
1932	6358.9	99.7	-26.5
1942	10242.6	110.4	-23.1
1952	14079.5	115.7	-20.4
2002	17823.3	118.4	-18.4
2012	21472.0	119.7	-16.8
2022	25033.7	120.0	-15.6
2032	28518.2	119.8	-14.6

3. SHOULD LAUNCH SLIP TO SEPT 10, WINDOW OPENS AT 1827
GMT AND CLOSSES AT 1948 GMT. TRAJECTORY IS WITHIN 2 DE-
GREES LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE AND 100 MILES ALTITUDE BASED
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ON 1827 GMT LAUNCH.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE FREQUENCY PROTECTION ON GMT DAY 252
(SEPT 9) FROM 1830 TO 2200GMT, AND FROM 1800 TO 2100 GMT
ON SEPT 10 IF REQUIRED.

5. WILL ADVISE POSTS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF LAUNCHING
OCCURS SEPT 9. KISSINGER

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